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SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC: ITEM 4 - REGIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOP-
MENT; SUB-ITEM: LONG TERM REGIONAL TRENDS

1. QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON "LONG TERM
TRENDS IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONS OF THE WORLD"
WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN US INFORMALLY BY THE POLISH DELEGATION FOR
COMMENT. RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED UNDER ITEM 4,
"REGIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT."

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THE ORIGINS OF THIS SUB-ITEM IN GA
RESOLUTION 3508 (XXX), WHICH WAS INTRODUCED BY POLAND AND
ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 112-0-17(US). THERE HAD BEEN A SEPARATE VOTE
OF 104-14-(US)-1& ON A PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH AMENDED BY EGYPT TO
INTRODUCE EXTRANEIOUS LANGUAGE ON ELIMINATING RACIAL DISCRIMINA-
TION, WHICH RAISED FOR THE FIRST TIME THE PROBLEM OF INTERPRETING
"RACIAL DISCRIMINATION" IN THE LIGHT OF GA RESOLUTION 3379 (XXX)
ON ZIONISM/RACISM ADOPTED A FEW DAYS EARLIER. US EXPLAINED ITS NEGATI
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VOTE ON THE OFFENDING PARAGRAPH ON THE BASIS IT WAS IRRELEVANT
AND REFERRED TO A TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE CONCEPT; AND ITS ABSTEN-
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TION ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE BECAUSE OF THE SAME PARAGRAPH
AND BECAUSE WE QUESTIONED THE UTILITY OF THE STUDY PROCESS SET
IN MOTION BY THE RESOLUTION. THUS WE WERE LUKEWARM TO THE RESO-
LUTION AS A WHOLE EVEN WITHOUT THE OFFENDING PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE,
ALTHOUGH OUR RECOLLECTION IS THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO GO ALONG
WITH ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THAT LANGUAGE.

3. DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY THE UN SECRETARIAT AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AS A RESULT OF RESOLUTION 3508 ARE E/5937 WITH FOUR ANNEXES AND E/CEPAL/1027.

4. PRESENT POLISH DRAFT RESOLUTION AS IT STANDS IS UNENCUMBERED WITH EXTRANEOUS POLITICAL IMPEDIMENTA AND HENCE CAN BE JUDGED ON ITS SUBSTANCE. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT IT WOULD EXTEND THE STUDIES ARISING FROM RESOLUTION 3508 BY ASKING FOR REGIONAL AND OVERALL PROJECTIONS TO 1990. THERE IS ONLY A PREAMBULAR IMPLICATION THAT THIS MIGHT RELATE TO THE PREPARATION OF AN IDS FOR THE THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE.

5. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE POLISH DELEGATION, WE HAVE REMINDED THEM OF OUR DOUBTS ABOUT THE UTILITY OF THE SERIES OF STUDIES SET IN MOTION AND HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE NEW DRAFT RESOLUTION MIGHT BE IMPROVED IF THE OPERATIVE PART PROVIDED A DIRECT LINK FOR THOSE NEW STUDIES AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DDIII IDS INPUT, TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE IDS CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND THE UN SECRETARIAT, THUS AVOIDING UNNECESSARY OVERLAP. THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE COUCHED AS A RECOMMENDATION TO THE 32ND GA, WHICH IS TO DECIDE ON THE MODALITIES FOR PREPARING THE NEW IDS. POLISH DELEGATION SEEMED RECEPTIVE.

6. UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT HAS OTHER IDEAS, WE PLAN TO PURSUE THE FOREGOING LINE AND, ASSUMING A REASONABLE OUTCOME, WE PLAN UNCLASSIFIED

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TO GO ALONG WITH ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS -- PROVIDED, OF COURSE, NO UNACCEPTABLE POLITICAL LANGUAGE IS ADDED.

7. TEXT FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3201/S-VI AND 3202/S-VI OF 1 MAY 1974 CONTAINING THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3281/XXIX OF 12 DECEMBER 1974 CONTAINING THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES AS WELL AS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3362/S-VII OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1975 ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION; CONSIDERING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES INITIATED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3508/XXX ON THE EXAMINATION OF LONG-TERM TRENDS IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONS OF THE WORLD SHOULD ASSIST IN PROVIDING OF AN ADEQUATE BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE, RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY, FOOD PROBLEMS, INDUSTRIALIZATION, MONETARY PROBLEMS AND OTHER ISSUES OF PRIMORDIAL IMPORTANCE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE GLOBAL SCALE;

CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PREPARATIONS OF THE INTERNA-

TIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE TO BE INITIATED AT ITS RESUMED SESSION, AND THE NEED TO HAVE TO THIS END A FUTURE-ORIENTED APPROACH TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONS OF THE WORLD;

WELCOMES THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON LONG-TERM TRENDS AND FORECASTS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE VARIOUS REGIONS AND THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPERATIVE PARA 3 OF RESOLUTION 3508/XXX,

RECOMMENDS THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS TO CONTINUE AND FURTHER EXPAND THEIR STUDIES ON LONG-TERM ECONOMIC TRENDS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT PRACTICAL CONCLUSIONS ON THE EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION BOTH ON A REGIONAL AND UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERREGIONAL SCALE,

REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, TO START ON THE BASIS OF THE REGIONAL STUDIES THE PREPARATION OF THE OVERALL SOCIO-ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY UP TO 1990, TAKING DUE ACCOUNT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS OF PROJECTED DEVELOPMENT, INTERREGIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS, SECTORAL FORECASTS AS WELL AS THE METHODOLOGICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE FURTHER EXAMINATION OF LONG-TERM ECONOMIC TRENDS IN THE REGIONS,

FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO ITS 65 SESSION A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ACTION TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION. END TEXTVANDEN HEUVEL

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